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The settlement seems like it is far too little, far too late. Most of the practices that Microsoft would be restricted from engaging in are the ones that allowed Microsoft to gain its dominant Monopolistic position. Now that Microsoft has this position, it is engaging in other practices to maintain it. Many of these tactics are still available to Microsoft. The continued availability of Windows XP in its current form is a complete flaunting of Anti-Trust regulations, and shows total disregard for the fact that Microsoft actually is a confirmed Monopoly.

In short, it appears that the government caved to Microsoft in the name of expediency to bolster the economy and boost consumer confidence in the wake of 911. Score one more for the monopolists of the world, and for the terrorists, who have successfully altered US behavior with their actions.

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